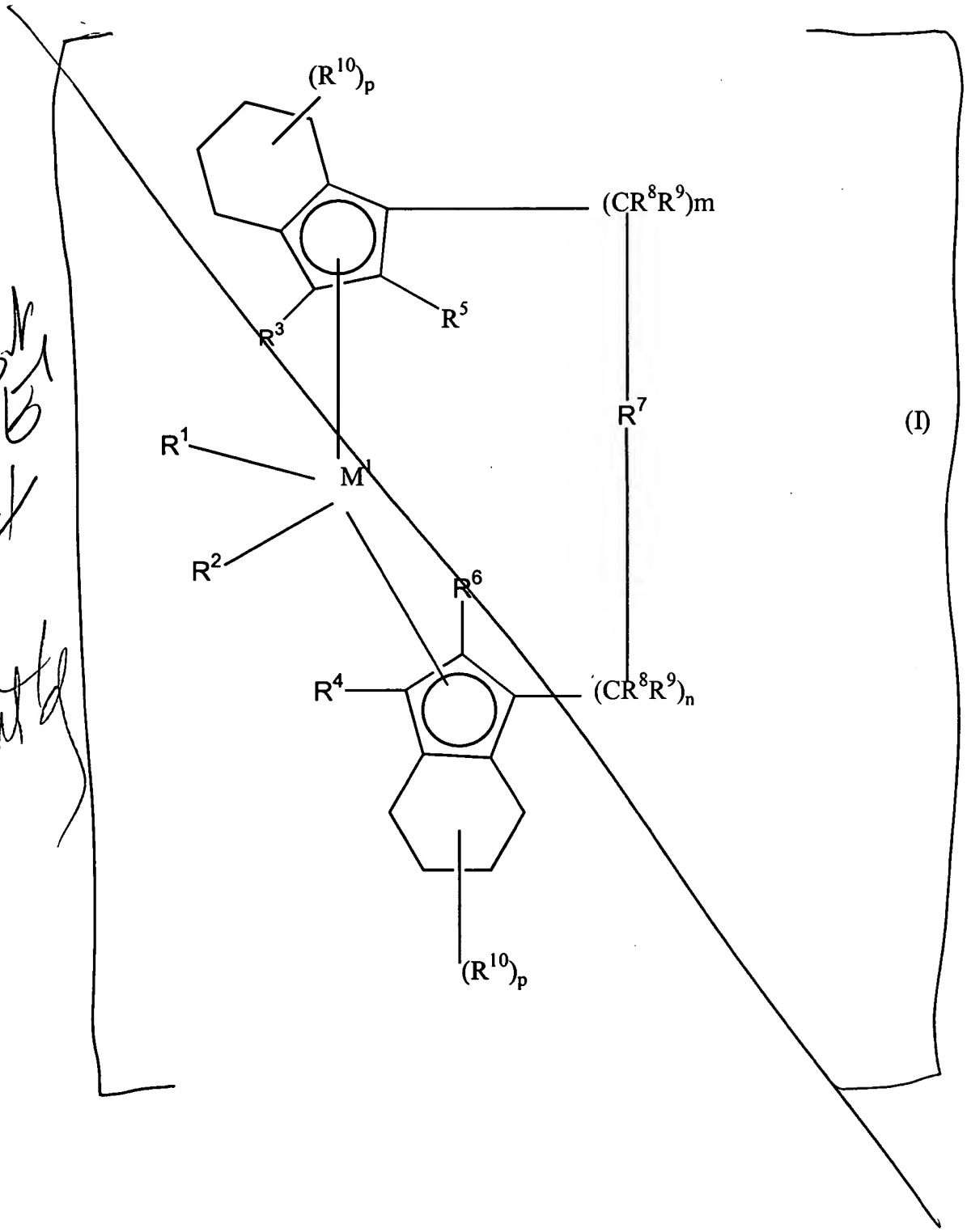
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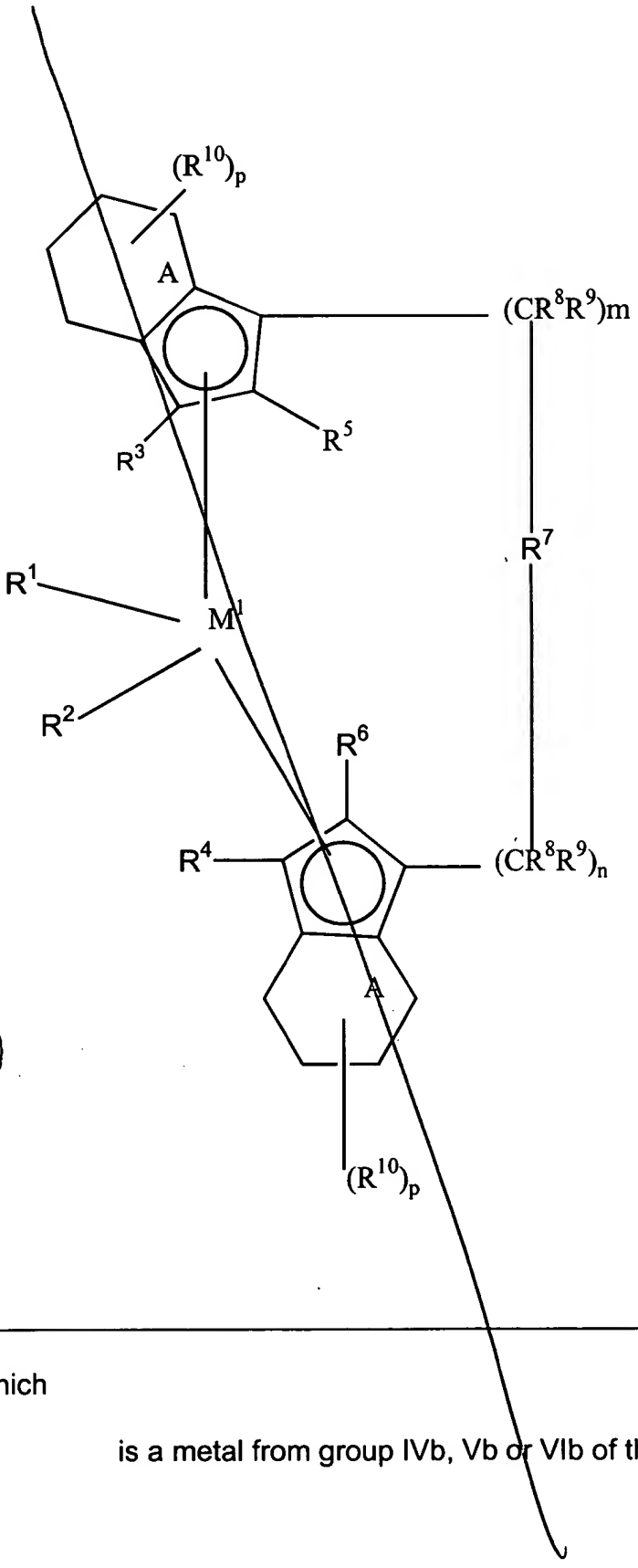


(I)

in which

M^1 is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table

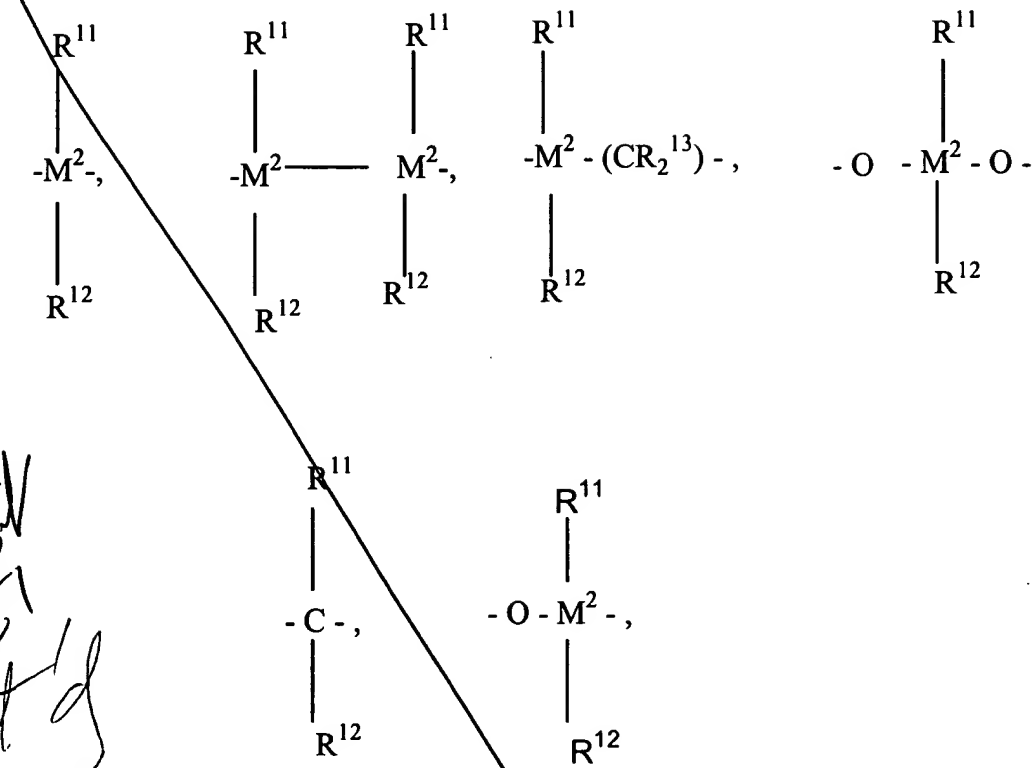
R^1 and R^2 are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryloxy group, a C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-arylalkyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-alkylaryl group, a C_8-C_{40}-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom,

R^3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_2-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group which is halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group,

[R^3 and] R^4 [are identical or different and are] is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, [a halogen atom,] a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group,

R^5 and R^6 are identical or different and are as defined for R^3 and R^4, with the proviso that R^5 and R^6 are not hydrogen,

R^7 is



=BR^{11}, =AlR^{11}, -Ge-, -Sn-, -O-, -S-, =SO, =SO_2, =NR^{11}, =CO, =PR^{11} or =$P(O)R^{11}$,

where

R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13} are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-fluoroalkyl group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, a C_6-C_{10}-fluoroaryl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy group, a C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-arylalkyl group, a C_8-C_{40}-arylalkenyl group or a C_7-C_{40}-alkylaryl group, or a pair of substituents R^{11} and R^{12}-- or R^{11} and R^{13} in each case with the atoms connecting them, form a ring,

M^2 is silicon, germanium or tin,

R^8 and R^9 are identical or different and are as defined for R^{11}

m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1 or 2, [and]

the radicals R^{10} are identical or different and are as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13},

rings A are saturated or aromatic,

p is 8, when rings A are saturated, and

p is 4, when rings A are aromatic.

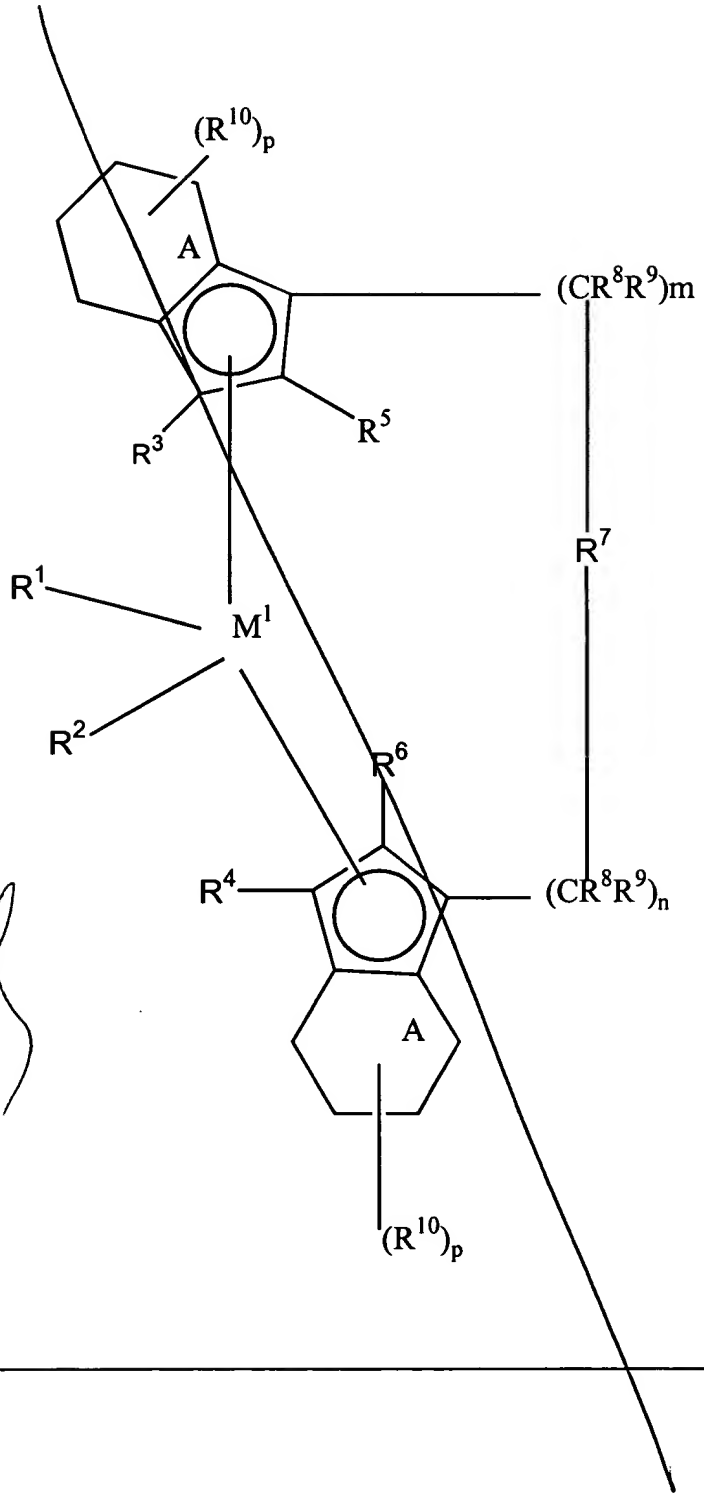
Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Once amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^3 is a C_4-alkyl group, C_1-C_4-alkyl group which is halogenated, a C_6-C_8-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or

$-PR_2^{15}$ radical and R^4 is [are identical or different and are] a hydrogen atom, a fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom, a C_1-C_4-alkyl group, which may be halogenated, a C_6-C_8-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a chlorine atom , or a C_1-C_3-alkyl group or a C_6-C_8-aryl group

Please amend claim 7 as follows.

7. A compound [as claimed in claim 1,] of the formula (I)



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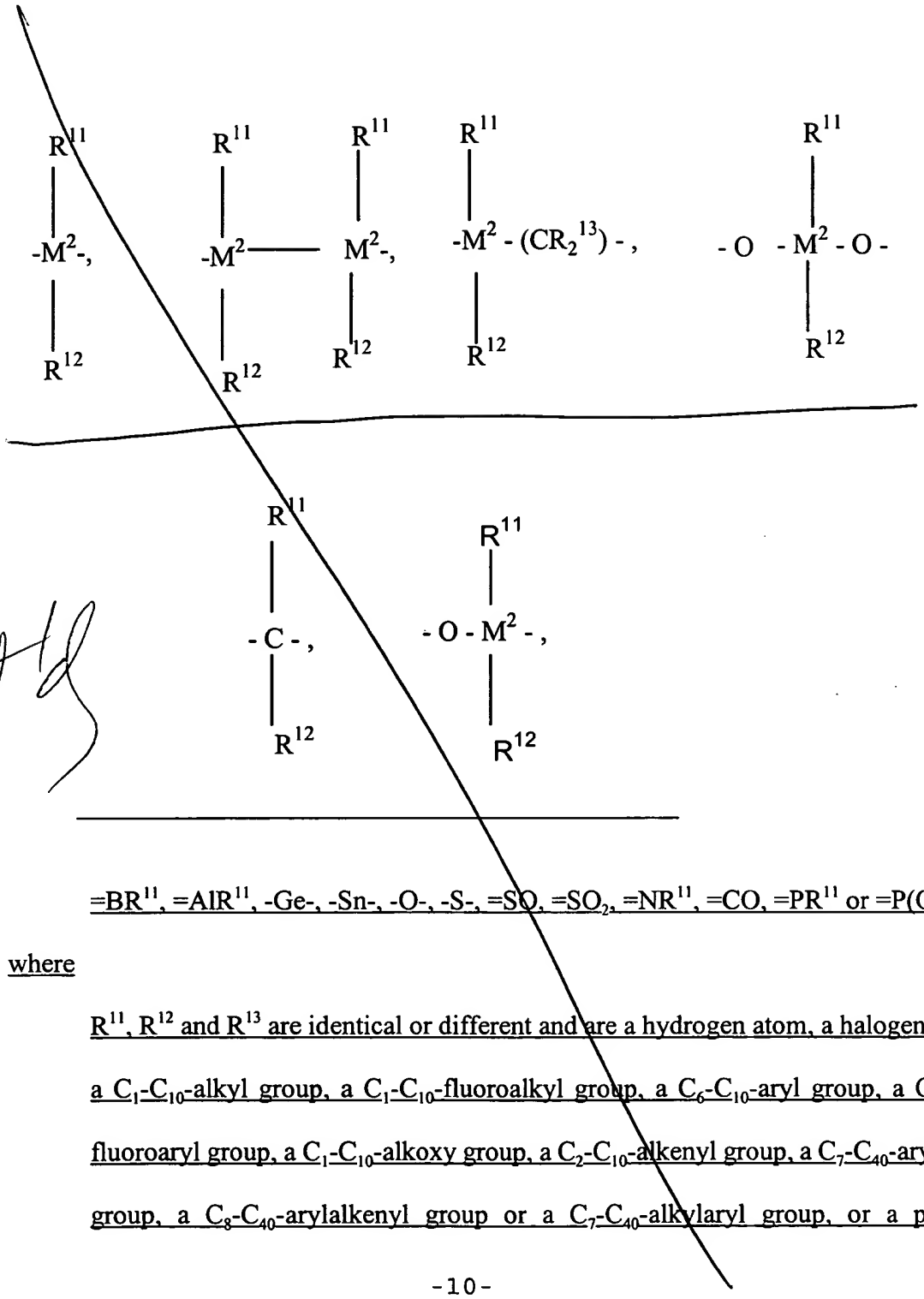
in which

M^1	is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table
R^1 and R^2	are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryloxy group, a C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-arylalkyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-alkylaryl group, a C_8-C_{40}-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom,
R^3 and R^4	are hydrogen,
R^5 and R^6	are identical or different and are a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group

R^7 is



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where

R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13} are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-fluoroalkyl group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, a C_6-C_{10}-fluoroaryl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy group, a C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-arylalkyl group, a C_8-C_{40}-arylalkenyl group or a C_7-C_{40}-alkylaryl group, or a pair of

substituents R^{11} and R^{12}-- or R^{11} and R^{13} in each case with the atoms connecting them, form a ring,

M^2 is silicon, germanium or tin,

R^8 and R^9 are identical or different and are as defined for R^{11}

m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1 or 2,

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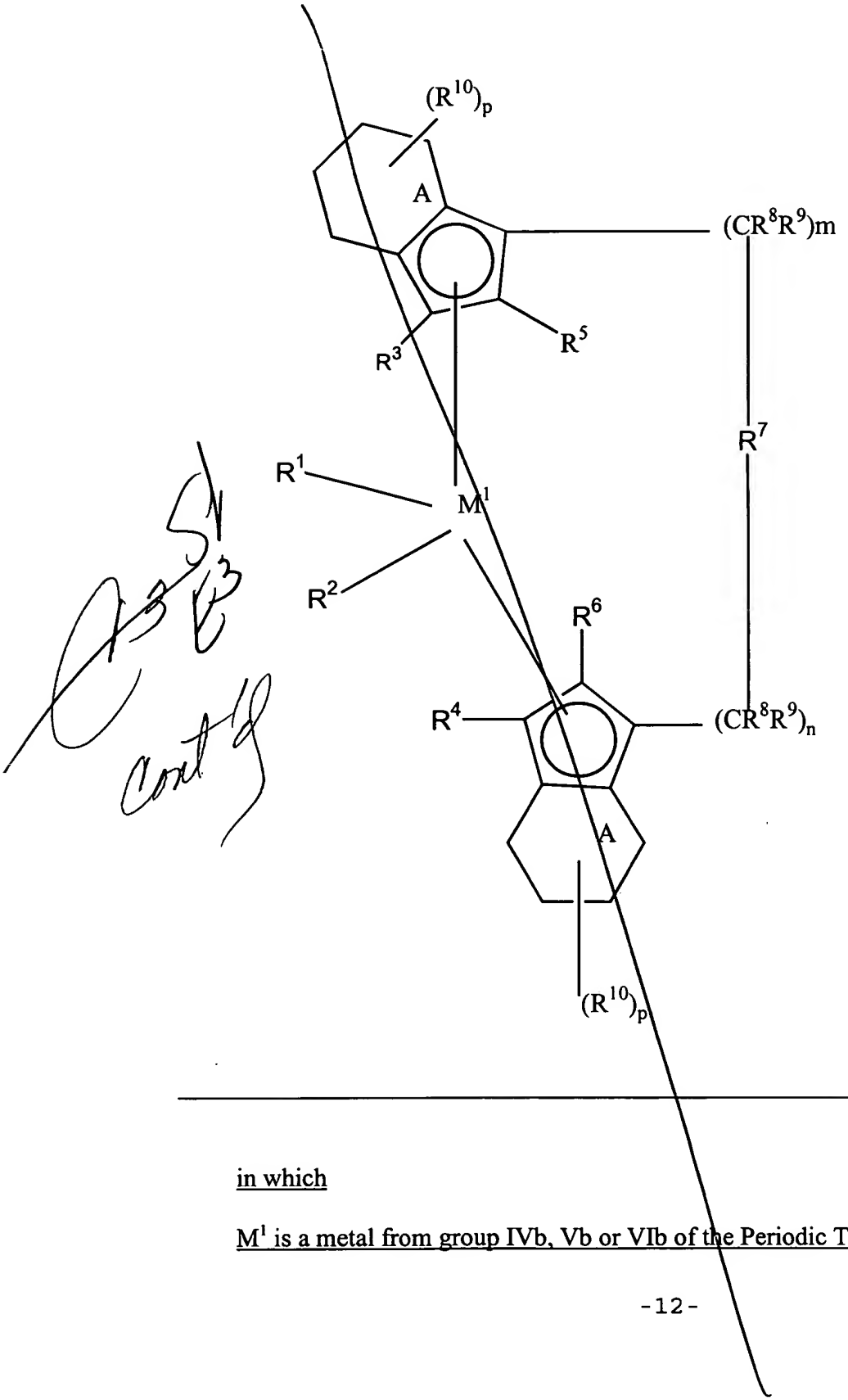
19. A compound of the formula I



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in which

M^1 is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table,

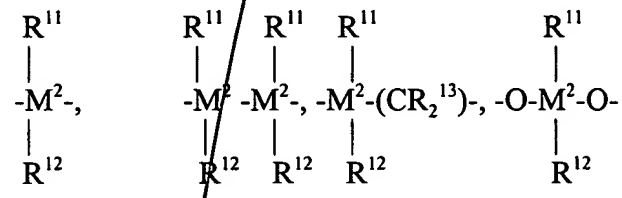
R^1 and R^2 are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, a C_6-C_{10}-aryloxy group, a C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-arylalkyl group, a C_7-C_{40}-alkylaryl group, a C_8-C_{40}-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom,

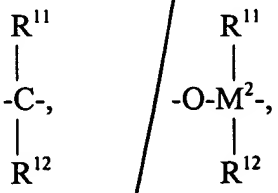
R^3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_2-C_{10}-alkyl group, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group which is halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group,

[and] R^4 [are identical or different and are] is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group,

R^5 and R^6 are identical or different and are as defined for R^3 and R^4, with the proviso that R^5 and R^6 are not both hydrogen,

R^7 is





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M^2 is silicon, germanium or tin,

R^8 and R^9 are identical or different and are as defined for R^{11},

m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1 or 2,

the radicals R^{10} are the same or different and are as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13}.

Please add the following new claims:

- - 25. The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group which is halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$, $-SR^{15}$, $-OSiR_3^{15}$, $-SiR_3^{15}$ or $-PR_2^{15}$ radical in which R^{15} is a halogen atom, a C_1-C_{10}-alkyl group or a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group.

26. The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C_6-C_{10}-aryl group, an $-NR_2^{15}$,